

Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Phase III

The Chesapeake Bay Program has begun the Mid-point Assessment of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) established by the US Environmental Protection Agency in 2010, per the Bay Agreement. Schedule for completion of this Assessment and the development of a revised Phase III Watershed Implementation Plan to meet the new requirements that result from this Mid-point Assessment is shown in the table below.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Interim Expectations for the Phase III Watershed Implementation Plans

Deliverable	Deadline
EPA releases draft expectations for Phase 3 WIPs	January 1, 2017
Final Calibration of Watershed Model	January through March, 2017
Local Area Targets recommendations	March 1, 2017
Partnership fatal flaw review of Phase 6 Watershed Model	March-May, 2017
EPA releases final expectation for Phase 3 WIP	April 2017
Release of final Phase 6 Model	June 2017
EPA releases draft Phase 3 Planning Targets	June 2017
EPA releases final Phase 3 Planning Targets	December 2017
Draft Phase 3 WIPs due to EPA	August 2018
EPA feedback on draft Phase 3 WIPs	October 2018
Final Phase 3 WIPs due to EPA	December 2018